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RUDI NAMES HIS SQUAD

By DAVID JACK

Despite strong pressure from the media, Jimmy Rooney failed to win a place on Australia's touring squad which leaves for Greece and points east and west next week.

Rooney's fine performance for Heidelberg United in Sunday's Philips League grand final almost swayed coach and sole selector Rudi Gutendorf.

Almost . . . but not quite. Gutendorf, however, did state that the very experienced Rooney and Marconi's Jim Muir are still in his squad for next year's World Cup games — even though they miss the world tour.

The Australian coach is

particularly keen to see how the young Alan Davidson and Theo Selemidis stand up to the strong international opposition they will encounter on this tour.

Presumably if they don't make the grade, the old heads of Rooney and Muir will be brought back.

Despite the inspired guesses and leaks, the 18-man squad named last night does contain a

couple of surprises. For instance, Jamie Paton, who works so well up front with Gary Cole for Heidelberg, has been selected. Cole will be happier about this than anyone.

Also, the talented Queenslander Steve Hogg, expected by many to be going away with the team, is only on stand-by duty.

Murray Barnes will have to prove to two doctors and to coach Gutendorf that he is fully fit before he travels.

Australian Soccer Federation secretary Brian Le Feuvre said: "The situation with Barnes will be clarified by the end of this week."

It is a useful-looking squad, with plenty of young talent which should blossom while the team is abroad.

Young players like John Spanos, Arno Bertogna, Eddie Krnecovic, Greg Woodhouse, John Yzen-

doorn and Davidson and Selemidis will gain great benefit from this.

In addition to the 18 players selected, another

three have been put on stand-by duty and will remain in training in case they are needed.

The three who unluckily

just missed the cut-off are Martyn Crook (West Adelaide), Steve Hogg (Brisbane Lions) and Jimmy Campbell (Heidelberg Uni-

ted). One will, presumably, come in this week for Barnes if the big Sydney City player fails his fitness test.

AUSTRALIA'S TOURISTS

GOAL: Greg Woodhouse and Allan Maher.
DEFENCE: Steve Perry, Jim Tansey, John Yzen, Ivo Prskalo, John Spanos, Arno Bertogna, Alan Davidson, Tony Henderson.
MIDFIELD: Ken Boden, Murray Barnes, Theo Selemidis.
FORWARDS: Eddie Krnecovic, Mark Jankovics, Peter Sharne, Gary Cole, Jamie Paton

DOUBLE VALUE IN YOUR A.S.W. NEXT WEEK

BY THE EDITOR

After next week's issue of AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, we'll be taking a break during the summer.

To celebrate a most gratifying first year, A.S.W. will give readers double value in our final edition.

That's right . . . 32 pages instead of the usual 16. We promise a super paper, with greatly enlarged coverage of all our normal features — plus up-to-the-minute news on Australia's touring squad which goes overseas next week.

We want to take this opportunity of thanking all our regular readers who have so clearly accepted A.S.W. as Australia's best Soccer newspaper.

When we kicked off, the doubters claimed we wouldn't stick the pace.

But a quality product will always suc-

ceed . . . and Soccer folk have been kind enough to tell us we do have a good paper.

The 1980 season has been difficult. We had to establish A.S.W. in a competitive field. We succeeded.

The paper is now firmly established. And 1981 will be the year of growth. We shall build on solid foundations.

The next Philips Soccer League season starts in early February.

We'll be back towards the end of January.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY says to its many readers and its loyal advertisers . . . see you all in 1981.



TONY HENDERSON, A VALUABLE UTILITY PLAYER ABLE TO PERFORM IN DEFENCE OR MIDFIELD, IS ONE OF THE CHOSEN 18 PLAYERS TO GO OVERSEAS NEXT WEEK WITH AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL TEAM.

EDITORIAL

There is a feeling in the Australian Soccer Federation that, as far as results are concerned, the forthcoming World tour could be a disaster for Australian Soccer.

It may be a pessimistic view but there are good reasons for it.

Take a look at some of the opposition the Socceroos will meet.

Full international matches against Greece and Israel — on their own territory — are going to be extremely difficult. The home team must be favoured to win.

Club games against first division sides in England and Italy are also a severe test. Australia could lose in Leicester and Florence.

Against lesser international teams — Tunisia and Indonesia — Australia must be given a sporting chance of victory . . . but let us not forget Tunisia qualified for the 1978 World Cup, a task beyond Australia's power.

National coach Rudi Gutendorf is right when he talks about this trip being one of the toughest ever undertaken by Australia.

Gutendorf will be very upset if too many results go against his team, but he need not be.

Australia's team badly needs to meet good quality opposition on foreign soil as a warm-up to next year's vital World Cup elimination matches.

For once, results are not all-important. So long as the Australian players are not humiliated and slaughtered by big scores, the tour will serve its purpose.

The matches which MUST be won will be played in 1981 . . . not this year.

A few defeats on this November/December trip will not be a calamity.

We wish the players and Rudi Gutendorf every success on tour. If they don't bring home the bacon, it will not matter overmuch.

★★★

In this job, we don't agree with the dog-eat-dog outlook but we must criticise one of our competitors for its constant harping on the alleged virtues of summer Soccer.

We refer to another Soccer paper published in Sydney. It's the thin one — with half as many pages as AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY.

Last week that paper came up with the extraordinary statement that there is no way match attendances could possibly be worse if the PSL switched to summer play.

We wouldn't bet on that. Crowds are small now but there's every chance they will be slashed by 50 per cent if the PSL is crazy enough to play in the summer.

The thin Soccer newspaper also suggested that media men would need to wear jumpers to keep warm in the Press Box at summer Soccer matches.

The Queensland reaction to that might well be: "What's a jumper?"

A.S.W. has made its opinions clear about the proposed switch to summer play.

We think it would be suicidal. We think Australia has one of the world's worst climates for summer football. We think the people who dreamed up the scheme should quietly fade into the background and forget the whole hairbrained scheme.

And nothing the thin paper says will make us change that opinion.

McKENDRY'S FUTURE SETTLED THIS WEEK

By David Jack

Len McKendry, coach of triumphant Philips League Grand Final winners, Heidelberg United, might leave the club this week.

There has been much speculation about McKendry's future — the popular tip being that he will move to Sydney and Marconi Fairfield.

After the Bergers magnificent 4-0 win over Sydney City Slickers at Bruce Stadium, Canberra, on Sunday, McKendry told me: "My future will be settled this week — by Tuesday or Wednesday. I have had negotiations with Heidelberg but my solicitor feels it would be better if I said nothing until everything is sorted out."

If McKendry didn't want to discuss his personal plans he had plenty to say about this great 4-0 Grand Final win.

He said: "We came to Canberra to win. My players did not need motivating. They were all sure we would beat Sydney City."

They played like it too.

Although the Slickers had most of the early play looking capable of winning for 20 minutes they were never as dangerous as the Bergers in front of goal.

Everytime Gary Cole, Jamie Paton and Andy Bozikas broke clear, goals seemed likely to be registered on the excellent Bruce Stadium electronic scoreboard.

But we had to wait 33 minutes for the first goal.

It started with a bad pass from Kevin Mullen to Bozikas who transferred the ball to Cole.

The fair-haired centre forward put his team 1-0 ahead.

Another raid by Cole ten minutes later brought another goal. Paton was either pushed or tripped — who knows? — in the penalty area and referee, Donald Campbell, awarded a penalty kick. As usual, Cole despatched the spot kick into the back of the net.

In the second half Sydney City staged a revival putting great pressure on Heidelberg's defence.

Might as well lose 4-0 as 2-0 seemed to be the feeling. And that is what happened.

In the 76th minute Bozikas slipped the ball to Cole and that was Gary's hat-trick with the Slickers completely beyond redemption.

Cole unselfishly

spurned the opportunity of a fourth goal in the 90th minute by passing to Jamie Paton who prodded in yet another simple goal.

The after-match inquiry all pointed to one obvious fact, Sydney City's defence was disastrous on the day. I have seldom seen skipper Mullen so ineffective and the central tandem of Gomez and O'Connor also failed. Even the so-dependable Ian Bruce was not without error.

Heidelberg United were worthy winners.

Jimmy Rooney and Jamie Paton were in magnificent form as was, naturally, three-goal Gary Cole.

Cole, however, did not agree this was the Bergers' top game of the year. "That was a week ago," he said, "when we beat South Melbourne 4-1. On that night we produced a standard of football Australia has never seen before in a club match."

I am sure the Slickers will settle for what hit them on Sunday.

It was an entertaining game — so long as you were not a supporter of Sydney City.

There was plenty of action for the large Channel O TV reception, no shortage of goals and any amount of near-misses with the action flat out all the time. What more could the fans want?

The official attendance was given as 11,126, with at least 10,000 of them being Canberra City folk.

Promotion for the Grand Final was on an unprecedented scale and it paid dividends.

Gary Cole was presented with a handsome Philips cassette recorder by Philips Industries as Man of the Match.

It was a popular decision, worthy reward for a tremendous performance.



GOALKEEPER GEOFF OLVER CLEARS FOR HEIDELBERG IN THE GRAND FINAL, WITH SOME HELP FROM PAT BANNON. KENNY BODEN WATCHES FOR A SLIP

PRIME MINISTER SENT OFF BY REF!

One of the funniest incidents at the Canberra grand final between Sydney City and Heidelberg was at the ceremonial kick-off, performed by no less a person than Australia's Prime Minister, Malcolm Fraser.

After Mr Fraser gingerly set the ball in motion, referee Donald Campbell, entering into the festive spirit of the occasion, produced his red card and handed it to the P.M.

Mr Fraser, who surely realised the significance of the gesture, accepted his dismissal from the field of play and returned to his seat.

As he left the pitch, he held the red card aloft, much to the amusement of spectators.

Did Mr Fraser enjoy the grand final? Australian Soccer Federation president Sir Arthur George commented: "I don't think so — but after all, he is an Aussie Rules man!"

Sir Arthur, however, said the Prime Minister was particularly interested in the background of every player. He asked the ASF president to explain how many players were born in Australia, how many came from overseas, were their parents first or second generation Australians and so forth.

"Mr Fraser wanted a run-down on all 22 players," said Sir Arthur.

Incidentally, Malcolm Fraser is patron of Canberra City's Philips League club — and he is no sleeping patron.



Mr Fraser

A director of Canberra City said: "He has been an outstanding patron for the club and likes nothing better than to have a beer with the boys at our licensed premises."

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NSW Soccer Press Awards

SHARNE ROCKETS HOME!

by Keith Gilmour

Cries of "Good on you, Rocket" and "Good on you, Bullet" echoed and re-echoed around the Journalists Club in Sydney when popular Marconi-Fairfield winger Peter Sharne was announced as the Soccer Press Association's "NSW Player of the Year" on Friday night.

Having been runner-up in 1979, Peter admitted that his ambition had been to take the crown this year, and take it he did.

Sharne's 30 points gave him a six-point winning margin over Sydney City's Ken Boden.

Boden certainly had a magnificent season also,

and both players thoroughly deserved their ratings.

Sharne received the magnificent Wedgwood Bowl, once again donated by Josiah Wedgwood & Sons Ltd, and thanks go to that company and their representative Don Morrison.

At his best in many matches throughout the year, Sharne was magnifi-

cent. His handling of England full-back Trevor Cherry at the Sydney Cricket Ground left nothing to be desired.



A PROUD PETER SHARNE HOLDS THE VALUABLE WEDGWOOD BOWL AFTER BEING VOTED N.S.W. "PLAYER OF THE YEAR." ALSO IN PICTURE JOHN ECONOMOUS.

Third place went to Marconi goalkeeper Allan Maher, who kept with great consistency throughout the season.

AUBURN'S MARK ROSS TOP NSW UNDER 21 PLAYER

by Keith Gilmour

An unknown at the start of the season, Auburn striker Mark Ross has hit the headlines by being voted the NSW Under 21 Player of the Year by soccer pressmen in NSW.

He topped the State League scoring with 14 goals, and it was his first season in Auburn's first grade team.

Mark's story is unusual — he had 1½ years out of the game when club coach Vic Dalglish asked him to join the club, and obviously the wily Dalglish had picked a winner.

In fact Dalglish saw him in his one game in State League for Bankstown after he had been upgraded from the thirds.

His trophy was presented by NSW Soccer Federation president Karel Rodny.

Ross has been teacher training in mathematics and physical education at the Catholic College of Advanced Education at Castle Hill. He has been appointed to the staff of St John's Lakemba for 1981.

He started his soccer as a youngster with Paddington RSL.

Runner up was the Australian Youth squad's aggressive full-back Robert Wheatley from Ku-ring-gai.

Robert played for Northcote Boys' High School in two Tasman Cup winning sides.

He has been studying PE at Ku-ring-gai College of Advanced Education, and hopes to be accepted into the new Canberra Sports Institute next season.

The award went to Craig Hall (now with Canterbury) in 1977 and 1978, and to Bas Giampaolo (Monaro) last year.

TANSEY FOR MARCONI?

Marconi Fairfield, hoping to strengthen their defence, will probably make a big bid for Heidelberg United's Socceroo Jim Tansey.

Tansey is a most consistent full-back. He would like to have a stab at the Sydney Soccer scene.

TOP MAN MISSING

The unveiling of "KICK-KABURRA", the mascot for the 1981 World Youth Championships for the Coca Cola Cup, was a perfectly-organised function — which is normal for anything run by Coke.

Strangely enough, though, somebody must have slipped up on the issuing of invitations.

A notable absentee from the launching of "KICK-KABURRA" was Australia's national coach Rudi Gutendorf.

When we asked Rudi why he wasn't there, he said: "I was not invited."

Strange indeed!

STRAIGHT SHOOTING

With MIKE MYSTAKIDIS



Soccer's number one enemy all over the world is hooliganism.

You can see hooliganism in a big way at many grounds afflicted by "destroyingmania." Away from football grounds, there is another type of hooliganism — with threats being made against players, coaches and administrators.

Australia, our country, is lucky. We don't see many idiot spectators destroying Soccer grounds. But unfortunately we have a few who, using most vulgar methods, are trying to intimidate the game's leading administrators.

Such people, who by coincidence, call themselves Soccer spectators, are well hidden behind an anonymous curtain. They have taken to using the telephone to issue threats and to throw vulgarities at the administrators and their families.

Nobody refuses Soccer spectators the right to disagree with what is going on or to say what they think is right or wrong or to express their likes and dislikes.

Also, nobody wants to stop them following the game.

But that is a long way removed from abuse and threats which have no place in any decent sport. This type of hooliganism is completely unacceptable and deserves action from the law.

During the past couple of years, with the introduction of promotion and relegation in the Philips League, phone threats to administrators have increased.

Even in the last fortnight, the president of the NSW Federation of Soccer Clubs, Mr Karel Rodny, has had to put up with abusive telephone calls aimed at him and his family.

What wrong has he done? Why has he earned such treatment?

His only "crime" is being adamant about the rules as they affect promotion and relegation. Mr Rodny is trying to ensure that those rules are followed by the Australian Soccer Federation.

Next Sunday, the ASF will decide how many teams will participate in the 1981 Philips League.

It will be a good opportunity for committee members to give some prestige to Soccer by insisting, once and for all, that the rules of promotion and relegation are followed ... as happens all over the world.

If this is done, it should at least help to prevent a few hooligans from making serious threats to honest and innocent people.

Remember, if we abuse club or Federation officials, we cannot force them to change important decisions.

All we do is to denigrate and down-grade the sport and, through this, Soccer loses its dignity.

Let us not forget that the vast majority of Soccer followers are decent people, anxious to see the game make progress. Only a few of them are "animals" but they cause a lot of trouble for everyone.

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qualifications and experience



N.S.W. FEDERATION PRESIDENT KAREL RODNY PRESENTS MARK ROSS WITH THE UNDER 21 "PLAYER OF THE YEAR" TROPHY.

THE PRESTO SOCCER QUIZ

There are excellent prizes in our popular Presto Soccer Quiz. Choose either a leg of ham or five kilos of smallgoods. The questions are easy to answer. Prizes are supplied by Presto Smallgoods Pty Ltd.

Here are the answers to last week's Quiz: 1. Yes; 2. Gary Cole; 3. Juventus; 4. No; 5. Yes; 6. Yes.

The first correct entry we checked came from

C. Mangovski of 30 Beasley Crescent, Cambridge Hills, NSW 2287. He decided to select a leg of Presto ham for his prize.

This week, the questions should be easily answered. Anyway, have a go:

1. Which country won the World Cup in 1966?
2. Did Joe Vlasits ever coach Australia's national team?
3. Which West German team won the European Cup three times?
4. Which Dutch team won the European Cup three times?
5. Did Australia beat Northern Ireland this year?
6. Was Marconi Fairfield Peter Sharne's first PSL club?

Send your answers to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, Presto Quiz, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007. State your preference for a leg of ham or, five kilos of smallgoods.

The first correct entry to be checked is the winner ... and all entries have to be in by next Monday. GOOD LUCK!



STAR INTERVIEW

Sydney City's Ken Boden was born in Rotherham, England, 30 years ago. He joined the Sheffield United club on leaving school at 15 but began his senior career with fourth division Doncaster Rovers. He came to Australia and Newcastle KB United in January 1978, soon establishing himself as one of the most exciting players in the local game. In fact he was the Philips League "Player Of The Year" in 1978. His outstanding form soon made him the target of several other leading Philips League teams. He moved to Sydney City this year and has been a part of the club's continuing success. He is the subject of this week's Star Interview.

QUESTION: Have you been fully satisfied with your first season at Sydney City?

ANSWER: Well the team has won the premiership. I don't suppose you could ask for more than that. I probably thought I would score a few more goals but I'm in a different situation here to what I was in Newcastle. There, I was relied upon to score a lot of goals. At City we've a number of players who can score. So we share the goals around.

Q: Any regrets about the move from Newcastle?

A: None at all. I miss a few people there but Newcastle is not really far away and I've been back to visit a couple of times.

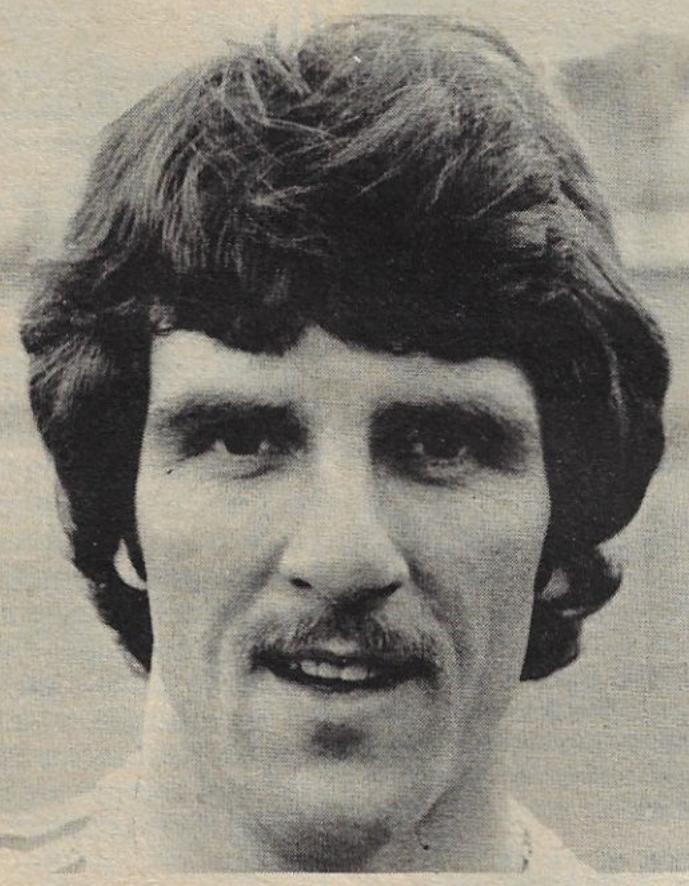
Q: What makes Sydney City such a successful club?

A: Two things: our administration and our players. Our chairman Andrew Lederer lives for Soccer. He makes sure we have the best players available and everything we need. Then there's our playing staff. Several of the boys have been playing with the club for six or seven years. That must be a good thing. Those players plus the youngsters coming through will make sure the club stays at the top for some time to come.

Q: Why does the club not attract more supporters to its games?

A: I honestly don't know. The players can only do their best on the playing field. Perhaps there are just too many other things to do in Sydney. Crowds are much better in Newcastle where there are not so many different forms of entertainment.

Q: Some say you are Australia's



KEN BODEN TALKS TO GARRY SMITH

highest-paid player. Could you make ends meet without a job away from Soccer?

A: No I couldn't. I'm lucky, though, in that I work for one of Sydney City's sponsors, Presto Smallgoods. Andrew Lederer is the managing director. That means I can always get time off for Soccer when I need it.

Q: What made you come to Australia and are you happy here?

A: Mick Jones of Blacktown City was coaching me for a while in England. He asked me if I would be interested in playing in Australia. Mick's a good friend of Alan Vest and

he mentioned me to him. Alan approached me about playing for Newcastle. So here I am. My wife and I are very happy with life in Australia and there's no way we'd go back to England to live. I just wish I'd made the change 10 years before I did.

Q: What are the main differences between the game here and in England?

A: The top players in England are full-time players. Then there are the grounds. The grounds in England are a lot better and the crowds much larger.

Q: What can we do about these things?

A: Soccer in Australia needs more sponsorship. The extra television coverage promised by the new station, Channel 0, will do something to help.

Q: Have you seen any players here who could be successful in England?

A: Quite a few of the younger players.

Alan Davidson, Eddie Krnecic and Peter Sharne are three who come to mind.

Q: Everyone is talking about summer Soccer. What is your opinion?

A: I've no objections. Everyone will have to play in the same conditions. We start training in January as it is. It will however probably affect clubs who play a running style of game more.

Q: How many years have you left as a player?

A: That's hard to say. Maybe four or five years. I've really no idea.

Q: Would you like to coach one day?

A: Yes I would. The idea would be to start with junior teams and then move on to senior players. Who knows, I may even coach Sydney City one day!

Q: What is your opinion of City's present coach Eddie Thomson?

A: Eddie is a very good coach. He's been a professional player for something like 13 years and knows a great deal about the game. He's done very well considering this year is his first with the club.

NAYLOR BRANDS CLUBS AS "APATHETIC"

By "MERCURY" MURPHY

Illawarra Soccer Association president George Naylor has accused district clubs of apathy following the resignation of Casey De Bruin as regional coach.

De Bruin has been regional coach for two years but says he isn't prepared to continue, largely because clubs don't seem interested.

He told the Association that clubs haven't supported coaching clinics he has set up, and the coaches themselves feel they know it all.

Naylor said he knows of only four clubs with qualified coaches, the others having gained jobs because they were good players.

Addressing the ISA annual meeting, Naylor said it is a tragedy that De Bruin will be lost to Illawarra.

"He is one of the best qualified coaches in Australia and is currently in New Zealand doing an instructors' course under England manager Ron Greenwood," Naylor said.

"He is good enough for that but apparently not good enough to improve the methods of Illawarra coaches."

"I feel it has been the responsibility of clubs to make sure their coaches and players gained benefit from the regional coach."

Naylor said the amazing part of the whole business was that Illawarra clubs paid De Bruin's wages but showed no benefit.

He said it was just another example of Illawarra rejecting one of their own. "If someone from Illawarra does well we seem to want to ignore him."

De Bruin arranged many coaching

only to find there weren't enough people interested to carry on and an administration seminar he organised fell through because of lack of support from clubs.

De Bruin's immediate future isn't known, but at least two Sydney State League teams have offered him terms for 1981.

He has stated it seems he must leave Illawarra to gain any recognition for the work he has done in recent years.

Illawarra referee Peter Graham proved a great ambassador when he controlled a Canberra game recently.

He was appointed to the West Woden-Croatia Deakin game and received a rating of 9.9 out of 10.

The man who did the rating was assistant national referees' coach Dennis McDermott.

Graham received excellent ratings for his indications of fouls and clearness of decisions with the whistle.

Graham has had his share of problems in Illawarra because of people who feel riots are part and parcel of Soccer, so it is good to see him get a pat on the back.

In his summing-up, McDermott said he was particularly impressed with Graham's fitness and

With the Girls

— By DON BALMAIN —

GIRLS, GIRLS GIRLS!



As a comparison between the Australian figure of approximately 8,000 players, we present the figures of Women's Soccer around the world.

West Germany	380,000	Holland	20,000
Denmark	27,000	France	16,000
Sweden	24,030	Norway	10,000

England	6,000
Austria	4,500
Finland	2,500

Italy	2,000
Scotland	600
Wales	200

Schoolgirls' football booms



They say there is a woman behind every successful man, but in the case of the successful Marsden Girls High soccer team the boot is on the other foot.

It is coach Glenn Dudley who has helped to turn this bunch of young women into a successful unit.

Marsden won their zone grand final 5-0 against South Strathfield High and defeated Cumberland High 5-1 in the Northern Districts Cup final.

Their loss was in the final of the CSSSA soccer knock-out, when they lost 3-1 to Merewether High in extra time.

The smiling group comprises:

Back Row: Mr Glenn Dudley (Coach), Carol Giudice, Jacki Campbell, Karen Boggs, Helen Houseman. Middle Row: Michelle Gay, Polly Kolotas, Mary Franjic, Jenny Dvorik. Front Row: Teresa Anderson, Lynne Higgerson, Sandra Curie (c) Miriam Varga. Absent: Lesly Aitken, Michelle Beckman.

"APATHETIC"

He also said the players indicated they liked Graham's handling of the game, and there were favourable remarks from the spectators.

Bert Bampton has become something of an institution in Illawarra Soccer, having just started his 39th consecutive year as district treasurer.

He took over the job in 1941 and is still looking after the Association's finances.

Now retired, Bert has seen many presidents and secretaries come and go and seen some very good players in district Soccer.

The Association honours him every year with the Bert Bampton knockout, worth \$1400 to the winner.

★ ★ ★

Coniston club have made yet another progressive move with the announcement they will run an apprenticeship-education scheme for their young players from next season.

President Cliff Guyatt said former World Cup star Adrian Alston is returning to Wollongong and will be asked to supervise the scheme.

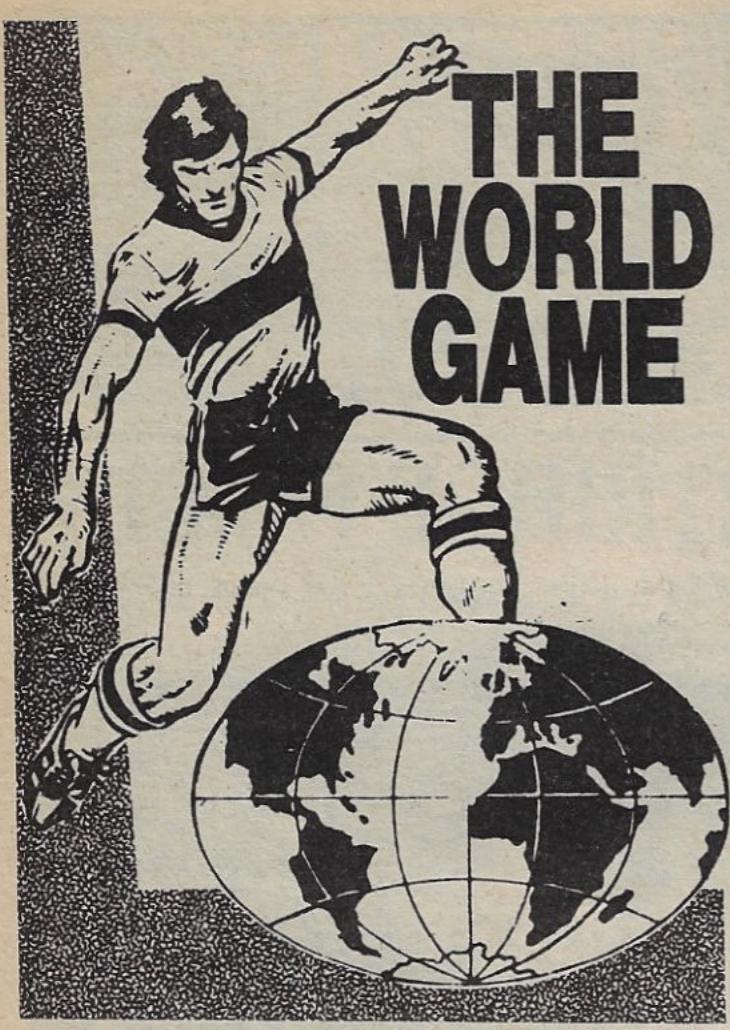
"We want to start a scheme to look after the education and employment of our young players," Guyatt said.

"It will be run along the lines of the British system, so the boys' welfare is taken care of at all times."

"Several Wollongong business houses are interested in backing the proposal and we feel it is the best way to ensure Coniston has a future."

Coniston have also re-appointed Robert Fryer as coach for next season and Kevin Perkins has been added to the coaching panel.

Perkins, formerly coach of Bulli, is just back



Compiled by our European correspondent Jack Paul

BELGIANS HAPPY WITH DRAW

Belgium's national coach, Guy Thyss was quite happy to settle for a draw with the Republic of Ireland in their World Cup elimination match in Dublin.

"It was a fair result. Ireland played as we expected," he said.

"I watched them against Holland and I knew what to expect. But they made it hard for us and they will go close to reaching the World Cup finals on this form."

"I always felt that the game was going to be a draw, even before it started and even when we scored first."

"The big crowd was one of the main factors in Ireland's achievement in drawing. They gave their side tremendous support and I only hope we get the same in the second leg back home."

MARANGONI FINDS GOING TOUGH

Not all Argentinians do as well as Ossie Ardiles when they join English clubs.

Sunderland paid San Lorenzo \$700,000 a year ago for Claudio Marangoni.

He has had only four first team games this season and only 21 since he left Argentina.

Marangoni played as a "guest" for Nottingham Forest against Tampa Bay

Rodwies last week but denied he was likely to move to Forest. "My future is with Sunderland," said Claudio.

In passing, it's worth mentioning that Nottingham Forest beat the Tampa Bay side 7-1, a clear indication of the relative strength in English and North American club football.

Sandro Mazzola has defended Prohaska following his poor match against Como (which Inter lost):

"Even Pelé played badly sometimes. It is important not to see him as a failure immediately."

On October 30, Brazil will play a friendly international against Paraguay at Golani, a city 250 kilometres west of the capital Brazilia.

The United States caused a shock by holding Portugal to a 1-1 draw in Lisbon. The USA goal was scored by Rick Davis, one of Cosmos' few "Americans" now

SCOTS LOSE THEIR WAY

Portugal put up the shutters at Hampden Park and denied Scotland the two points they dearly wanted to help them on the road to the World Cup finals in Spain.

The Scots failed to convert pressure into goals as the Portuguese dealt competently with the best of the Scottish attacks which became more frantic and less constructive as the game wore on.

Scotland showed their customary aggression and tenacity but without a vital cutting edge in front of goal and with a resolute opposing goalkeeper in Bento, all their midfield huffing and puffing was to no avail — the match eventually fizzling out to a scoreless draw.

Liverpool colleagues Kenny Dalglish and Graeme Souness turned in above-average performances in another otherwise mediocre team display. Both men carved out a number of chances for themselves but frequently suffered from lack of finishing.

YUGOSLAV COACH WORRIES AS TOP PLAYERS ARE DRAFTED

Miljan Miljanic, the coach of Yugoslavia, is having problems.

Although his team has won its first two World Cup elimination matches (5-0 against Luxembourg and 2-1 against Denmark), the match against Italy in Turin on November 15 looks like being very difficult for the Yugoslavs.

This "summit meeting" is

occupying all of Miljanic's thoughts and it looks as though Yugoslavia will field a very weak team.

It is certain that their top player of 1979, Susic, will not be present. He will be greatly missed as his role in the centre of the attack is essential.

Susic scored hat-tricks last season against Italy in Zagreb and Argentina in Belgrade. The reason for his absence? Susic is at present undergoing compulsory military service.

Miljanic has not only lost his best striker. Several other key players are in the same position including Zajec, Surjak, Savic and Stojanovic, all current internationals.

His problems are compounded by the fact that he cannot be certain of gaining the release of Yugoslavs playing with

foreign clubs such as Buljan at Hamburg and Jovanovic at Manchester

BARCELONA'S BIG BOY

Bernd Schuster didn't take long to agree to join Barcelona once the Spanish club started talking big money.

Schuster, star of the 1980 European Championships, was sold to Barcelona by Cologne for \$1,700,000.

That's double the fee ever previously paid for a West German footballer.

United.

He sees the situation as very worrying and has demanded a meeting of all Yugoslavia's professional coaches to formulate a plan to help in his selection of a national team.

GREEKS NOT SHORT OF DRACHMAS

It's rumoured that most Greek clubs are broke because they cannot support the financial demands of full-time professionalism.

Despite this, there still appears to be a never-ending flow of cash for the top teams to spend on players and coaches.

Look at what Panathinaikos paid out to get the services of Austrian coach Helmut Shenevic.

He was offered \$5,000 a week salary, a house, car, chauffeur, and 10 return air tickets from Athens to Vienna in the next eight months.

On top of that, there will be a handsome bonus if Panathinaikos win the Greek championship or the Cup.

This was described by a Greek Soccer official as "scandalous."

But Shenevic said he was "knocked out" by what he had been offered. "I am trapped by the offer," he said, "and I would be crazy to refuse it."



● IRELAND'S GOAL ... Belgium players Cluytens (6), Gerets (2) and Meeuws (4) race back in vain as Tony Grealish's shot crosses the line for Ireland's equaliser. Below, Liam Brady rushes in to congratulate Grealish, while Don Givens and Gerry Daly also show their delight.

SHORT PASSES

There are 4,321,000 registered footballers in West Germany, an increase of 85,232 on 1979.

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After spending two years in America, Gerd Müller still doesn't speak a word of English. This amuses Beckenbauer who can speak it fluently.

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Sandro Mazzola has defended Prohaska following his poor match against Como (which Inter lost):

"Even Pelé played badly sometimes. It is important not to see him as a failure immediately."

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On October 30, Brazil will play a friendly international against Paraguay at Golani, a city 250 kilometres west of the capital Brazilia.

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The United States caused a shock by holding Portugal to a 1-1 draw in Lisbon. The USA goal was scored by Rick Davis, one of Cosmos' few "Americans" now

EUROPEAN SOCCER . . .

RESULTS .

CZECHOSLOVAKIA	PWDL F A	P
Dukla Praha	9 5 3 1 15-5	13
Barik Ostrava	9 5 2 2 213-8	12
Rh Cheb	9 4 3 2 18-10	11
Bohemians	9 5 1 3 14-8	11
Sparta Praha	9 4 3 2 11-6	11

EUROPE CUP	Second Round (first leg)
Inter Milan (Italy)	Aberdeen (Scotland)
O. Liverpool (England)	Dankirk Ostrava (Czech)
Dynamo East Berlin (E. Ger.)	CSKA Sofia (Bul.)
Bytoni (Pol.)	SVZomberski Bytoni (Pol.)
Ajax Amsterdam (Neth.)	Bayern Munich (W. Ger.)
Red Star Belgrade (Yug.)	Spartak Moscow (USSR)
Esbjerg (Den.)	Real Madrid (Spain)
Honved (Hung.)	Malmö (Swed.)

EUROPE CUP WINNERS!	CUP Second Round (first leg)
Carl Zeiss Jena (E. Ger.)	Valencia (Spa.)
Waterford (Ire.)	Tbilissi (USSR)
Dynamo Tbilissi (USSR)	Waterschei (W. Ger.)
Fortuna Dusseldorf (W. Ger.)	West Ham (Eng.)
FC Timisoara (Roum.)	4. Februar (Roum.)
Red Star Belgrade (Yug.)	Malmo (Swed.)
Spartak Moscow (USSR)	Benfica (Por.)
Real Madrid (Spain)	Slavia Sofia (Bul.)
Honved (Hung.)	Hauger (Nor.)
	Newport County (Wales)

UEFA CUP	Second Round (first leg)
St Mirren (Scotland)	FC Sochaux (France)
PSV Eindhoven (Neth.)	Torino (Italy)
Boavista (Portugal)	FC Magdeburg (E. Ger.)
Lindenhof (Switzerland)	FC Schalke 04 (W. Ger.)
Ibrojovska (Czech)	Real Sociedad (Span.)
FC Colonia (W. Ger.)	Barcelona (Span.)
Wolfsburg (W. Ger.)	Twente Enschede (Neth.)
FC Twente (Neth.)	Widzew Lódz (Poland)
FC Stuttgart (W. Ger.)	Standard Liège (Belgium)
FC Frankfurt (W. Ger.)	IPSwich Town (Eng.)
FC Utrecht (Neth.)	Borja Biarritz (Bul.)
FC Eintracht Frankfurt (W. Ger.)	Dynamit Rzeszow (Poland)
FC Stuttgart (W. Ger.)	Vorwärts Frankfurt (W. Ger.)

GREECE	Gak — Lask	3:1	EAST GERMANY
Apollon — AEK	0:0	Wacker — Salzburg	3:2
Ethnikos — Aris	0:0	Eisenstadt — Rapid	0:2
Kavala — Yannina	1:1	Voest Linz — Sturm Graz	0:1
Korinthos — Atromitos	0:0	Riesa — K-M Stadt	3:3
Larisa — Kastoria	6:2	C-Z Jena — R-W Erfurt	1:2
OFI — Doxa	4:2	Chemnitz — Wismut	2:1
Panach — Panserra	0:1	Sachsenring — Magdeburg	0:1
Panionios — Olymp	0:1	Leipzig — Vorwaerts Frankfurt	2:1
Paok — P'kos	4:2		

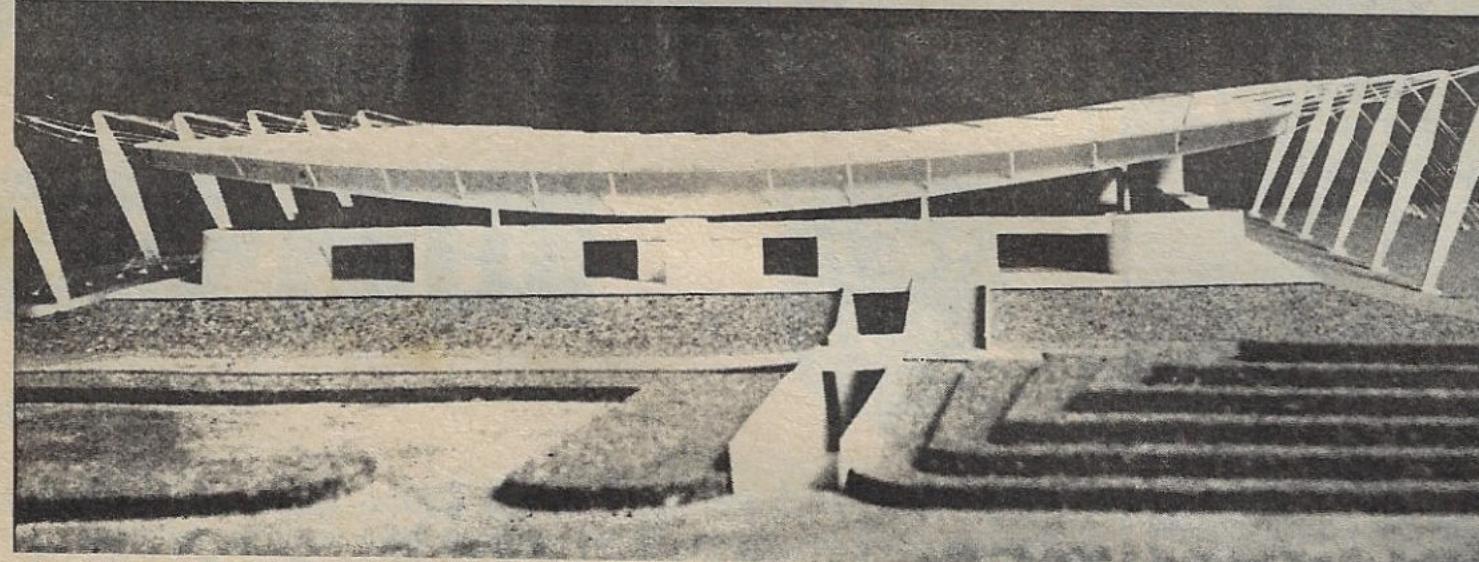
PORTUGAL	Porto — Benfica	2:1	SWITZERLAND
Sporting — Espinho	4:1	Basle — Servette	2:2
Amora — Penafiel	3:1	Chen Geneva — Lausanne	1:4
Coimbra — Portimonense	1:0	St. Gallen — Bellinzona	2:2
Viseu — Braga	1:1	Sion — Neuchatel	1:0
Guimaraes — Boavista	1:1	Young Boys — Grosshoppers	1:1
Belenenses — Setubal	2:1	Zurich — Basle	5:1
Maritimo — Varzim	1:1		

HUNGARY	MTK — Zalaegerseg	0:0	ITALY
Pecs — Tatabanya	3:0	Brescia — Fiorentina	0:0
Videoton — Si'fehervar	3:1	Cagliari — Napoli	0:0
Vasas — Csok	3:2	Catanzaro — Perugia	0:1
Nyiregyhaza — Volan	1:1	Inter — Roma	2:4
Dunauvaros — Diogsyor	0:0	Juventus — Torino	1:2
Kaposvar — Ujpest	1:1	Pistoiese — Ascoli	0:1
Bekescsaba — Debrec			

COACHING JOB ADVERTISED OVERSEAS NOW

By Steve Burns

The Australian Institute of Sport has advertised world wide for a director of soccer coaching to work full-time from Australia's National Indoor Sports Centre, now under construction in the national capital.



A model of the proposed Indoor Sports and Training Centre at Bruce.

The multi-million centre will be one of the most modern in the world.

Its first director will be renowned Australian swimming coach Don Talbot.

Government sources confirmed today that a short list had now been compiled for the Director of Soccer Coaching position.

However, no decision on the appointment would be made until after Mr Talbot took up his appointment on October 1.

Johnny Warren was initially rumoured to be favourite for the position but it now seems wide open.

The magnificent, three million National Indoor Sports Centre which opens early next year will have eight full-time directors of coaching all funded by the Federal Government.

Soccer is fortunate to be one of them and scope for indoor soccer at the Centre is fantastic.

International competitions could be held there. The centre's Sports Hall

will have pneumatic cushioned playing area of 57 metres by 37 metres and an unencumbered height of 12.5 metres, sufficient for international competition.

It will have space for eight badminton courts, three basketball courts, three volleyball courts, three tennis courts, three netball courts, or a hockey or soccer pitch.

In addition, there will be areas for gymnastics, fencing, table tennis, weight-lifting, trampolining, handball, calisthenics and combat sports such as judo, boxing and wrestling. It can seat 5,000.

Ancillary areas include media facilities, office and administration areas, change rooms, toilets and concession and storage areas.

The design has provided for lighting to international playing standards and for colour television transmission.

Already work is well advanced on the Centre —

next door to Bruce Athletics Stadium home of Canberra City.

Clearly the Federal government is determined to make Canberra the centre of international sports competition in Australia.

No other centre will have tandem facilities such as adjoining athletics stadium and indoor sports centre.

But plans don't end there.

Canberra's National Capital Development Authority is already well advanced on design work for a magnificent National Aquatic Centre in the vicinity of the athletics stadium and indoor sports centre.

Although no timing for this facility is yet known, it is rumoured that the NCDC would like tenders to be called towards the end of 1981 or 1982.

What next!

To quote a National Capital Development Commission publication: "Further stages of development will consist of a Swimming Centre and larger Stadium

as part of the master plan developed by the NCDC".

A larger stadium! Rumour has that this would be a stadium capable of catering 50 to 60,000 spectators in the most up-to-date venue in Australia.

But already with the Bruce Athletics Stadium and the Indoor Sports Centre Canberra is magnificently served for sports facilities.

Other sports that will have the Federal Government fund either full-time or part-time directors of coaching, include basketball, swimming, netball, weightlifting, gymnastics and athletics.

Although the overall control of the centre is vested with the Department of the Capital Territory, the planning and director of training courses and international competition will be controlled by a board comprising well known Australian sporting personalities, academics, businessmen and bureaucrats.

THE COLONEL COMES TO THE RESCUE

It was the strangest Soccer Press Dinner of all time. It was the dinner which was on, then off, then on again . . . and a good time was had by all!

The NSW division of the Australian Soccer Press Association had planned its big Presentation Night for the Sydney Journalists Club last Friday night.

There were some 70 acceptors. Menus were printed — roast baron of beef, Idaho potatoes in sour cream, home made apple pie and cream etc.

Guest of honour was Rudi Gutendorf who arranged a special flight from Canberra where he was in camp with the Australian Youth team.

Then calamity struck. At 2.30 p.m., just four hours before guests were due to arrive, the Journalists Club phoned with the news: "The dinner is off. There's a club strike."

Faced with the impossible task of informing 70 people not to turn up, the ASPA committee was almost at panic stations.

With help from Australian Soccer Federation secretary Brian Le Fevre, Rudi Gutendorf was informed and cancelled his flight from Canberra.

Then the ASPA committee had another think. Andrew Dettre suggested it might be possible to go ahead — by bringing in our own food and compromising, in some way, on drinks.

The decision was taken. Another phone call from Brian Le Fevre to Gutendorf. Alas, Rudi had cancelled his air ticket and was out training with his players.

Anyway, the dinner went ahead, with considerable co-operation from the Kentucky Fried Chicken outlet in Leichhardt and much goodwill and assistance from the Journalists Club.

Yes, it was the strangest "Player of the Year" function ever held in Soccer.

Kevin D'Arcy, who goes on tour with the Australian team next week, was an able substitute speaker in place of Rudi Gutendorf.

Karel Rodny, president of the NSW Soccer Federation, presented the Under 21 trophy to Mark Ross

of Auburn and ASPA president Ted Simmons presented the Wedgwood Bowl to Peter Sharne as NSW's outstanding player of 1980.

Believe it or not, when it was all over and ASPA members and their guests had cleared the tables, washed glasses and put the paper plates in the garbage cans, all present voted the night a super success!

Prime Minister Fraser Attends Philips — Soccer Press Dinner

by Keith Gilmour

Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser is the guest of honour at Thursday night's glittering Philips-Australian Soccer Press Association presentation dinner at Sydney's Menzies Hotel.

The PM was seen widely on the new Channel 0 network on Sunday when he presented the Philips Cup to the winner of the Grand Final series, Heidelberg.

Highlight of the night will be the awarding of the Australian Player of the Year Award.

Instead of holding a vote at the end of the year, this year's winner has been determined by an average vote by media men at all PSL matches in the premiership.

It will be interesting to see if the new procedure leads to any change of emphasis in the type of player who comes up trumps.

Agenor Muniz, Ken Boden, Tony Henderson, Jim Hermiston, Gary Cole and Steve Perry must be amongst the leaders.

Also to be announced the Australian U21 Player of the Year, Coach of the Year, and Referee of the Year.

In the hunt for the U21 Player will be Paul Kay, Steve Blair, Mike Milovanovic, Peter Raskopoulos, Ian Hunter, Eddie Krncevic again, with Allyn Davidson perhaps fading towards the end because of his absence due to a broken ankle.

Last years winners: Ivo Prskalo, Player of the Year, Eddie Krncevic, U21 Player of the Year, Les Scheinflug, Coach of the Year, and Peter Rampsey, Referee of the Year.

A TRIBUTE TO RASIC THE MASTER COACH

BY FRANK SCHAPER,
FORMER DIRECTOR OF
COACHING IN WESTERN
AUSTRALIA, NOW COACHING
PARA HILLS (S.A.)

Having coached for some 17 years, most of that in Australia, my interest in studying the game, learning about it and developing my own skill has brought me in contact with some of the finest to come to this country. Names like Kramer, Venglos, Vlasits and Vest spring immediately to mind. Others who contributed to my coaching development were Worthington and Tindall but one who really has a right to stand among the best is Rale Rasic.

Stories about him depict him often as a man who at times appears arrogant, is almost always self-assured and be-

Soccer image is projected through the vast photo gallery, the presence of promotion material, the change rooms and innumerable other souvenirs which promote not only the game but also Adelaide City.

Rasic achieves his objectives through sheer hard work. During his first year in Adelaide it was not unusual to find him at work for 15 to 18 hours at a stretch. His sheer professionalism takes some getting used to and he demands from those around him the same as he does from himself.

Often one finds coaches who can achieve great things in the area of promotion, but who fail to achieve as coaches of the game. Rasic is one of those rare exceptions. As a coach, he finds and develops talent rather than buying it. He creates stars and combines their

talent with that of others to make great teams out of ordinary players.

At City, he reorganised every aspect of the administration which affected the players and his team. He renegotiated every player's contract, reduced the club's overhead on player expenditure, carefully transacted a number of player transfers and as a result made a handsome profit.

Rasic treats his players like professionals. He spends a great deal of time on developing good rapport with them. It is important to him how they live, what their family background is like and how this has shaped their character. His total commitment to his players has created the unique relationship where, as a team, they are capable of dealing with team problems behind closed

doors but where they display a very unified front to the public generally. Players regard him highly and many have openly spoken about his influence on the game in general and their career in particular. Both Perin and Muniz have only recently gone on record to acknowledge his unique ability.

The Soccer he promotes is a game as the world plays it. It resembles total Soccer where players all over the ground contribute to the game. He promotes fierce competitiveness, aggressiveness on the ball — demanding that two players are always available to attack the ball — close support around the ball — and a goalkeeper who, when necessary, acts as a sweeper. Their ability to play the offside trap would class them as specialists in this area.



RALE RASIC

fact, against Heidelberg they succeeded in springing the trap 18 times and because they forced the game into the Heidelberg half, they forced some 16 corners. One often wonders what would happen if Adelaide City acquired

be hard to imagine that they could win the Philips League.

As a coach, he is well ahead of his time in Australia, and it is no wonder that players like David Jones make statements like: "I joined Adelaide

ST GEORGE

BY DAVID JACK

By any standards, 1980 was a horror year for St George. The team spent much of the season anchored firmly in bottom place in the Philips League and nobody was surprised when Saints ended the season with a miserable tally of only 14 points from their 26 games.

So what went wrong? And is the present St George squad really as poor as its position on the table suggests?

Let's answer the second question first. Sacked coach Raul Blanco has maintained all season that he has a good squad — and he is probably right.

Players like Mike Fraser, Peter Katholos, Billy Griffiths, Paul Kay, Peter Stone, John Russell, Mark Barton and Dennis Duarte are no mugs. They compare favourably with players in most other PSL teams in their positions. It would be a rash judgment to condemn all St George players just because the side finished in last place.

In two or three positions, St George need strengthening — but that criticism could be levelled at any club.

What went wrong, then? People who place the blame 100 per cent on the shoulders of coach Raul Blanco are off the beam.

Blanco's buying and selling was not always as inspired as it might have been. But few players criticised his coaching techniques.

He also had to suffer the indignity of being presented with a co-coach at a most crucial stage of the season. It is still not clear why Frank Arok was invited to move in during a few vital weeks when Saints were desperately fighting for survival.

Split control at that stage was the last thing St George needed.

Saints had a horror year for one basic reason. They made simple defensive blunders in match after match, presenting a whole series of unnecessary goals to their opponents.

As the blunders kept occurring, so did the defenders' confidence diminish. They took the field each week almost expecting to give away soft goals. They treated the ball as their master — not their servant.

There were missed tackles, miskicks, hasty clearances, passes to opponents. It happened so often there could be only one



Peter Kathodas — 19 year old

outcome.

St George paid the penalty and were relegated.

It is possible they may be re-elected. Certainly St George have much to offer the game.

Their stadium at Rockdale is a credit to the people who had the vision to erect it. What a pity if it is lost to the Philips League.

St George is a name synonymous with all that is good in Australian Soccer. But in four years of PSL competition, the team has consistently failed to achieve success.

Now, it seems, the penalty is being paid.

R TEAM GO?

ON 1980 PHILIPS LEAGUE

COMEBACK, TROPHIES

Brian

gest gamble of all was in paying Heidelberg United \$15,000 for Branko Buljevic.

Buljevic, a former Australian international, was considered to be

on the way out at 33 years of age.

He answered those 'disbelievers' by topping South Melbourne's goal-scoring list with 12. How long he will continue in that vein is a matter for conjecture, but there is no doubting his fitness.

It took time for these players to knit together with Alun Evans, George Campbell, Alan Davidson etc, but Margaritis was patient.

A steady improvement took them into the championship race and, in fact, it wasn't until a couple of games before the end of the season that their chances of finishing on top slipped away.

Close, but not quite close enough.

The Cup was a similar story. Losing to Heidelberg was a blow to confidence, but there was some small consolation in that it took Marconi two games in the final to stop Heidelberg winning the Cup.

Ironically, South had shown complete mastery over the star-studded Marconi throughout the season.

The two teams met in the semi-final of the Top Four competition and South hit back from being 0-3 down to win 4-3.

It was the fight-back of the season and showed that Margaritis had also instilled character into the team, which lacks little individual ability.

Probably the biggest shock, was the recent 1-4 defeat by Heidelberg in the Top Four final at Olympic Park.

Heidelberg's results prior to that game firmly pointed to another defeat, but to their great credit they fought back.

This time South lost a one-goal lead and with it the chance to appear in the Grand Final in Canberra.

Again so close.

So the season ended without a national trophy, when it looked as if at least one of them was within their grasp.

But no one can deny that the season itself was successful, in that a



PETER LAUMETS



DENNIS BOLAND

FOOTSCRAY LACK CONSISTENCY

By Bob Brian

Footscray's lack of consistency summed up the club's performance in the Philips League this year.

For a team with so much obvious talent it is nothing short of amazing that they have made very little impact on the Philips League.

Their problems started even before the season began when coach Bobby McLachlan was told his services were no longer required.

It was McLachlan who took over a struggling club near the end of last season and saved them from what looked like certain relegation.

He had achieved the kind of team spirit and discipline which made the immediate future look bright and by buying Jim O'Reilly from Heidelberg United he added the "bite" that had long been missing.

His dismissal came as a shock. Roko Ille took over and for a while kept the McLachlan momentum going.

Footscray had an excellent start to the season and for a time it looked as if they would be a chance for, if not the championship, then at least a place in the top four.

Then the old malady struck.

There were rumblings of discontent, stories of players wanting transfers and administrators interfering with the coach.

Midway through the season Footscray started to slide down the ladder. Still capable of producing sparkling soccer when things went their way players like Ziravko Lujic and Joe Picioane were being spoken of as international players.

Picioane lost form and was dropped. Lujic, although included in national coach Rudi Gutendorf's squad against England and Ireland got little chance to show how good he was.

After starting off on top of the world, team spirit and confidence began to wane. No matter what he tried Ille just couldn't stop the rot.

Even Lujic lost form. O'Reilly worked hard all season trying to keep the defence together, but it was an uphill battle.

Peter Ollerton was transferred to State League club Preston Macedonia and helped them win the championship. Jim Milne returned from Scotland but spent most of his time trying to prove he was fit.

Meanwhile the team tumbled down the ladder and it wasn't until three weeks from the end of the season that they could breathe easily in the knowledge that they were in no danger of relegation.

One of the men mainly responsible for keeping

the status quo was goalkeeper Dennis Boland who proved himself to be one of the best in Australia.

Before the season had ended Ille was sacked and former star Jim Kriaris was asked to take over.

Now it looks as if former coach Cedo Cirkovic is to return. He spent the last few weeks helping out the juniors and will probably take over the senior job when pre-season training starts in January.

Cirkovic has taken on one of the toughest jobs in the league and there

is little doubt he will have to go into the transfer market if he wants to avoid the trouble of the past two seasons.

But at least he will be able to call on two of the most promising youngsters in the game - Vlatko Belic and Paul Simic.

Belic forced his way into the team later on after playing for the Australian youth team.

Simic has been used as a substitute, but is still to play a full game.

These two could start the season as first choice members of the squad.



ROKO ILLE

LEE KOL TO STAND FOR PRESIDENT OF NEPEAN

Lee Kol, the popular president of the huge Springwood Soccer Club, will this year stand for the position of president of the Nepean District Soccer Association.

Born in Holland and about 30 years in Australia, Lee Kol has been Springwood's president for the past 13 years.

His is a life member and treasurer of the Association, as well as a life member of Springwood.

The club has grown to a magnificent 36 teams, and plays its home games at Summerhays Park in Hawkesbury Rd, Wimmalee.

This year Springwood gained an exceptional honour, as they fielded the U10 team that won the NSW Champion of Champions title.

The current president of Nepean Association, George Churchward, said: "I have had to reduce my workload and am glad to see that Lee will stand."

"My actual intention is to stay with the Amateurs as treasurer for both the NSW Federation and the Sydney Branch."

ROCKVILLE PREPARED

Rockville Rovers, playing in the Toowoomba Soccer Association, have a former Australian international lined up to coach their new Colts team in 1981.

It seems that his name has not yet been announced, but things are in the way.

and extra sides are planned for next year.

The extra keen committee is investigating obtaining suitable land for their own use, and aim to build a clubhouse which will provide for better social and soccer facilities for the membership.

The Rockville club started out in 1969, and two years later it joined forces with Harlaxton Juniors to form a strong junior unit.

The new season's muster for those wishing to join up has been set down for January 25 from 10.30 a.m. at the Captain Cook Oval, McGregor St, Rockville.

The club fields nine teams, from U7 to U15,



KEITH GILMOUR ON JUNIOR SOCCER FAIR PLAY CODE FOR CHILDREN IN JUNIOR SOCCER

- 1 DO NOT force an unwilling child to participate in sports.
- 2 REMEMBER, children are involved in organised sports for their enjoyment, not yours.
- 3 ENCOURAGE your child always to play by the rules.
- 4 TEACH your child that honest effort is as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- 5 TURN defeat into victory by helping your child work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship.
- 6 NEVER ridicule or yell at your child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- 7 REMEMBER that children learn best by example. Applaud good play by your team and by members of the opposing team.
- 8 DO NOT publicly question the official's judgement and never his honesty.
- 9 SUPPORT all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities.
- 10 RECOGNISE the value and importance of volunteer officials and coaches. They give their time and resources to provide recreational activities for your child.
- 11 APPRECIATE the worth and value to the game of the Referees and Linesmen/women, by co-operating where possible.
- 12 REFEREES without linesmen are not infallible, especially in making offside decisions. Offer your services. He will adapt his officiating to your experience.
- 13 FINALLY, realise that there is nothing wrong with Competition, as long as adults are making every effort to maximise the positive aspects of children's sports.



Victorian club Malvern City's under 13 team before a recent game.



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TERRY MURRAY

SYDNEY YOUNGSTER FOR W. GERMANY

By Garry Smith

A young NSW Federation Division One midfielder will train for two months with German side, CFL Bochum, early next year.

Terry Murray, 17, plays with the Belmore club.

According to coach Otto Klaus, the young player is the "find of the year".

Murray began the 1980 season in Belmore's third grade team.

Coach Klaus, realising the youngster's potential, elevated him to the club's top team during the season.

His chance to train in Germany came about because of Otto Klaus's association with the Bochum club as a player many years ago.

"I wrote to the club asking if they would give Terry a chance," Klaus said this week.

"As far as I know this is the first time a player not from one of the top clubs in Australia has been given such an opportunity," he said.

According to Klaus, Murray will be on trial for the 1982 season while he is with the German club.

Whatever happens he is resigned to losing the young player by 1982.

"I've told Terry he must play with a leading team if he is to go further in the game," Klaus said.

Murray will spend January and February in Germany.

The Belmore club has arranged sponsorship to cover his expenses.



SOCER BLUE FOR DAVID OAK

Epping Boys' High School has been one of the leading sides in Sydney Soccer amongst the Combined High Schools, with zone wins in 1978 and 1979 and good records in the Tasman and Northern Districts Cups.

One of their most consistent players is David Oak (pictured), who has run up a total of 90 first team matches for his school.

That means he has had four years in the first grade side. In recognition of his achievements David was this year awarded his "blue" for Soccer.

In the local district he started out as an U6 player with Epping YMCA in 1968. His team consistently won the premiership through to U13, and last year in U17.

David was following the family lead, as his elder brother David also played for Epping High's first grade side.

QLD EXTENDS SELECTION NON-STATE SCHOOLS

The extension of state selection to schools outside the State system had an immediate benefit in Queensland.

Dan Wiebusch, from Concordia College in the Toowoomba area, was selected for his state and played in the Australian Primary Schools championship in Adelaide.

The team finished third in the competition.

Dan has also played in every grade for his local club, West/Wanderers.

West/Wanderers United Soccer Club is situated mainly in the South-West area of town and is the second largest Club in Toowoomba.

Junior players number over 200 whilst the Seniors have over 60 registered players. Unfortunately, up till now, the Club has had no headquarters of its own. Three months ago, 10 acres of ground was purchased in the Drayton

area. Plans for a Clubhouse as part of the complete development will be submitted to the Council as soon as possible.

Junior-wise, the Club won four premierships and finished runners-up in another four divisions. While the Coaches endeavour to get their boys to win as many premierships as possible, the main aim of the Club is promotion of Soccer, plus the comradeship that develops among the boys in this great team sport, win or lose.

The Seniors of the Club have also had a very successful year, winning the Premiership trophy in the First Division, Reserves, and Ladies' competitions, while the Colts team was also in the final four. The First Division also won the Winstanley Shield earlier in the season.

The Under 15's won the Palmer Shield.



National Director of Coaching Eric Worthington had the job of assisting with the presentations at Mosman Soccer Club's presentation night. The boys are members of Ray Feehely's strong U13 team.



This Cardiff laddie is more keen on protection than the tackle in this junior match in Newcastle.



JIM HERMISTON'S COACHING HINTS

Jim Hermiston, one of Australia's outstanding Soccer players, has supplied AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY with a series of illustrated coaching hints.

Hermiston plays with Brisbane Lions in the Philips League but before migrating to Australia, he was a distinguished player in his native Scotland.

He was included in Scotland's original squad for the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany and was unlucky not to be in the final 22 which travelled to Germany.

If you want to buy Jim Hermiston's Soccerskills in book form, it is available from:

Queensland Newspapers, Campbell Street, Bowen Hills, Brisbane, Queensland, 4006.

Send \$3 for the book. This will also cover postal charges.

IMPROVE YOUR GOALKEEPER!

It does not matter whether he is a top international or the goalkeeper of the smallest club, I am certain that these pointers will assist you to assist the goalkeeper you are coaching.

Without doubt goalkeeping is a lonely business and one of the hardest jobs is to maintain concentration for ninety minutes, just a small one second lapse could mean the loss of a game, two points or even worse relegation!

Yes, I repeat, one second out of five thousand four hundred each game!

Obviously there are varying degrees of concentration, for instance if the ball is in the opponent's half and in your teams possession, you need to concentrate but not with the same intensity as you would if the ball were in your half and possession is with the opposing side.

This is the time for total concentration not only on the ball, but also on the positions of the other players-yours and your opponents.

As you may well be aware this is the ability to "Read the Game" an ability which gets easier with experience.

How many times have you seen strikers apparently shoot straight at the goalkeeper?

Very often this is because the keeper has not only read the game correctly, but also kept his concentration.

Build your concentration in training by constant and repetitive practise, as with this game type situation — use the goal area and four or five players (to whom you give specific jobs, such as running across the keeper or challenging him from the side).

There must be a lot of movement, in front of, and to both sides of the keeper.

The ball is served by the coach at varying heights and from several positions, the main objective of the exercise being to maintain concentration on the ball and at the same time to be aware of the other players.

This particular exercise can be successfully scaled down to the goalkeeper and one player standing in front of the keeper. The coach then throws or kicks the ball over the head of the standing player (who by the way can challenge for the ball).

Another very simple group exercise on concentration is to have 3 or 4 goalkeepers standing about 4 metres apart from each other and approximately 6 metres from the coach, who throws the ball and endeavours to trick the keepers into relaxing or taking their concentration away from the ball.

He does this in many ways, such as calling a name and throwing the ball to one of the unnamed players, or by returning the ball quickly by heading, punching or kicking.

The onus is on the coach at all times to make the exercise interesting, and, especially for the young keepers, "FUN", which takes me to a VITAL point for all coaches, particularly coaches of junior players.

By all means make your training and coaching sessions a serious business but do not forget that if you can bring some fun into the training, *do it*.

It is amazing how quickly people learn, (especially young people) when they are enjoying their training.

I have also found that by



By Fred Wall

giving goalkeepers from U/14 to U/16 responsibilities such as allowing them to take charge of the 15 to 20 minute warm up period at my coaching sessions, I have had some unexpected results. (By the way, that would be controlling about 6 keepers).

The players have actually improved in their attitude to warm up exercises in particular; something they used to think was a waste of energy!

Whilst on the subject of warm up exercises it is essential for a keeper to get into a routine prior to each match, starting with loosening up exercises, then stretching exercises, then very close work with the ball.

All the aforementioned work can be done in the confines of the dressing room, then for the ten of fifteen minutes before the kick-off, he should get used to falling and diving to either side, and finish off with crosses from both sides of the penalty area, mainly to build the keepers confidence in himself and also to assess the wind conditions.

QUEENSLAND TITLES

The Sunshine State has already planned a big series of junior representative competitions for 1981.

All areas of Queensland are as usual included in the planning, and it is a huge state.

The representative championship competitions have been set down for Rockhampton, Mackay, Tenterfield, Brisbane, the Sunshine Coast, Ipswich and the Gold Coast.

And the State Primary Schools' titles will be contested in Toowoomba.

SOCCErSkills



with JIM HERMISTON

ATTITUDE. A player's attitude to the game is as important as his ability. While ensuring that he continues to enjoy the game he must be dedicated and be prepared to make sacrifices in an effort to improve his game. This means continual practice. A dedicated player often is more successful than players who have greater natural ability than him.

"COME ON TOM, GIVE IT A REST."



"HAVE A GOOD SWIM FELLAS."



LENNON 17-4

MEET OUR KIDS WITH A KICK . . . THE STARS OF THE FUTURE



This lad showing such fine balance is from Cardiff U10s in Newcastle. The game was played at Evans Park.



Gladesville United, one of the newer team's in Sydney's Gladesville-Hornsby Assn., are a spirited bunch. Our picture shows the U15 Div 1 side.

WESTERN SUBURBS SOCCER CLUB (JUNIOR SECTION)

NEED INTERESTED PEOPLE TO APPLY FOR THE POSITIONS OF MANAGERS AND COACHES FOR THE 1981 SOCCER SEASON.

THERE WILL BE TEAMS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS IN 1981 FROM U/ 7 TO U/14 AND SENIOR PLAYERS IN THE ALL AGE LADIES GROUP.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT MORE ABOUT BECOMING A COACH OR MANAGER CONTACT JAMES WAKELING ON 560 4488 OR CALL AT THE CENTRE MANAGER'S OFFICE, MARKETOWN SHOPPING CENTRE, CORNER OF MARION AND FLOOD STREETS, LEICHHARDT.

Champion Of Champions

BIG CUP DOUBLE IN TERREY HILLS

Terrey Hills U21 team has completed a double that is believed to be unprecedented in NSW junior cup matches.

After winning the Robertson Cup earlier in the year from a state-wide field, they defeated Parklea 4-0 in the Champion of Champions final to complete a remarkable feat.

In All-age at the weekend Avalon defeated Mittagong 1-0 in the semi-final.

That brings them into the final against Mt Druitt at Cook Park St Marys on Sunday.

Granville Waratah won their U18 final replay, winning 2-1 against Hornsby Heights in another tight encounter.

The U12 final was delayed due to a protest to the Amateurs over the winner of Blackett and Smithfield Hotspurs.

Smithfield won out, so they play Forest Rangers in the final at Rockdale Youth Centre ground at 10 a.m. on Sunday.

Five Dock defeated Pagewood 2-0 to take the U11 title.

Last week's U13 final went Mt Colah's way with a 1-0 win over Five Dock.

Things could not have been closer in U16, when Illawarra's Bellambi defeated Peakhurst by just one corner.

The entire series has been sponsored by Pub Squash Co and their product Cue-Cola.

Winners in all competitions finalised to date are: U8, Fairfield West. U9, Revesby Lions. U10, Springwood. U11, Five Dock. U13, Mt Colah. U14, Pagewood. U15, Lansvale. U16, Bellambi. U17, Peakhurst. U18, Granville Waratah. U21, Terrey Hills.

So of 11 Champions decided to date, the winners are drawn from ten Associations, with only Southern Districts clubs (U8 and U15) doubling up.

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY HIGHER STATUS

Sydney University Soccer Football Club, currently in the NSW Federation Third Division, is aiming to improve its status to reach First Division in a couple of years.

"University Soccer could become a force in Australian Soccer over the next five years," said president Ross Rathmell.

"After that, a very strong combined Sydney Universities team could easily become a reality."

University of NSW are the leaders in Sydney and often indeed Australian Universities soccer.

They are already in First Division, and Macquarie, who draw on some very capable players, are still in Fifth Division.

Sydney University secretary Peter Salapatas told us: "The problem with universities soccer is so often that quality of play goes down when examinations crop up."

"However the Sydney University No 1 Oval has tremendous facilities, and we expect to use it next year."

"The main stand is a smaller edition of the International Sports Centre stand at Newcastle.



"The top stand seats 800 people, there is a top deck bar and meal facilities, and the players' rooms are underneath."

Sydney University is seeking top quality coaches for 1981 and invites applicants to write to Box 376, Wentworth Building, Sydney University.

Sydney University has some very capable players as it is.

Captain-coach Jeff Goldstein is an Australian Universities representative as is goalkeeper Steve McKay.

Bill Drury, Mick Halliday and Peter Salapatas have also been honoured in the Australian side.

If Sydney University can make the burst that they plan, the chances of a high quality combined Sydney Universities team gains a lot of credence.

Ross Rathmell regards the possibility of a youthful, skilled side as an exciting event for Australian Soccer. Who would disagree with him?



Seeing double? A "twin" effort to gain possession of the ball.

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

NOT ENOUGH GREEKS OR ITALIANS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA!

By Tom McKain



Adelaide's two Philips League clubs are facing a frightening reality. Despite being called City and West, they are still regarded by the majority of fans as Italian and Greek clubs.

While most clubs in the PSL suffered drops in attendance figures this year, the two SA teams drastically bombed out compared to figures they chalked up back in the 1977 opening season.

The "outsiders" have deserted them.

You can count the "other nationalities" at their games on your fingers.

The pair joined the League because, in the State competition, their crowds had dropped — sometimes to below the 1,000 mark — and when they met it was a big deal if they mustered 2,000.

Way back about 15 years ago, they could count on 10,000 for needle derby games.

This season, these matches have been pushing to top the 5,000, and at all other games it's been a struggle to get over 3,000.

When City took on Sydney City fewer than 2,000 paid at the gate.

City had a reasonable season, but even when they went 10 games without a loss, the crowds shrunk.

West can say their bad run and eventual relegation was a killer.

But their officials admit interest had died.

The brutal facts are there are not enough Italians and Greeks in Adelaide interested in Soccer — or these clubs — to make them a paying proposition at the gates.

Fans outside the Italian and Greek communities don't feel they "belong" when they attend a match — no matter how many non-Italians or non-Greeks are in the line-ups.

At the moment, West have no regular Greek in the team, imported or home-bred.

For City, Johnny Perin and Sergio Melta are the only "Italians" in the first team on a regular basis, and they are home-bred players.

Both clubs produce excellent weekly programs in English, and announcements are also made in English, but the glitter from the 1977 season is now badly tarnished.

The ASF and PSL have a shining new marketing division.

The Adelaide clubs should be the first on their doorstep for a consultation.

They may have a brilliant 1981 season, but the crowds will improve only marginally unless they do a mighty selling job to fans OUTSIDE the Italian and Greek communities.

NO SHORTAGE OF GREEKS IN THIS PICTURE OF THE SPECTATORS AT THE N.S.W. COCA COLA GRAND FINAL, WON 4-0 BY SYDNEY OLYMPIC.

YOU HAVE TO GET AROUND...

"You have to get around if you want to get results," is the old adage. It applies in Queensland football.

Chris Young, now playing with North Queensland's well-supported side Townsville Kern United, is a former Toowoomba junior.

Frank Gaske has taken over the Tenterfield juniors, an area of which ASW would like to learn more of their progress.

Shane Dullahide is well known as Stanthorpe's leading player.

Don McPherson is at Dalby. A local oval is named after him, and he is president of the Dalby Junior Club.

Former player Arthur Higgins is a 4GR radio announcer.

And the Willowburn Soccer Club of Toowoomba lists its junior representative state players over the years.

They are: Ian Winstanley (1960), Craig Harland (1973), Chris Reid (1974), David Stellfox (1975), Graham Hillocks (1975-6), Norman Pennells (1976), Steve Zeller (1977), Craig Zeller (1979), Adrian McKnight (1979).

Others to represent Queensland at various levels from clubs from Toowoomba area are: Newton Klaeve (Harlaxton), Jeff Abel (Goombungee), Chris Reid, Mervyn Turner, Paul Benecke (Rockville), David Ferguson (Rangers), Joe Pegler, Ferry Miller, Steve Dobson (St Albans), David Klingberg, Danny Wiebusch (Wanderers).

Steve Dobson played for Queensland Combined Services, and Paul Benecke for the 1978-79 Australian University sides.

FUTURE IN THE BALANCE FOR GOSFORD GROWTH CENTRE

By KEITH GILMOUR

When will Soccer's officialdom start to take a more dynamic approach to growth areas?

Gosford is the latest major city to be caught up in a classical Catch 22 situation.

The Northern NSW Soccer Federation will not release them to play in Sydney.

It has short and long term plans for Gosford. It believes that a senior Gosford club could progress immediately in their state, and that Gosford would have a particular advantage in building their name in Northern NSW if as stated Gosford's ultimate objective is the Philips Soccer League.

The NSW Soccer Federation have before them a rule under which no club could enter the NSW League at above Third Division.

If Gosford were forced to start that low the advantage they could gain would be so long deferred that it is doubtful if they would enter.

It would be a case of a city area nearly as big as Wollongong playing against little suburban and ethnic group clubs for a couple of years — clubs

that so often should be back in local district so that the Federation can concentrate on building major spectator-oriented football.

And no ambitious player is going to take an interest in a competition which is well beneath his ability.

Are people trying to develop Soccer in NSW or to inhibit it?

Gosford City and adjacent Wyong shire represent a population which is approaching 175,000.

There is no major football in any code. Central Coast Rugby League pulled out of the often-deferred NSW Rugby League Second Division and Soccer could be in first.

Let Bruce Stowell, the former Rothmans Award medallist who recently established an amusement centre business in the district say his piece.

"We have the players on the Central Coast right now to do the job. Billy Vrolyks or myself could turn them into a really good side."

"All we need is the management and the encouragement to go on with the

job," Stowell said.

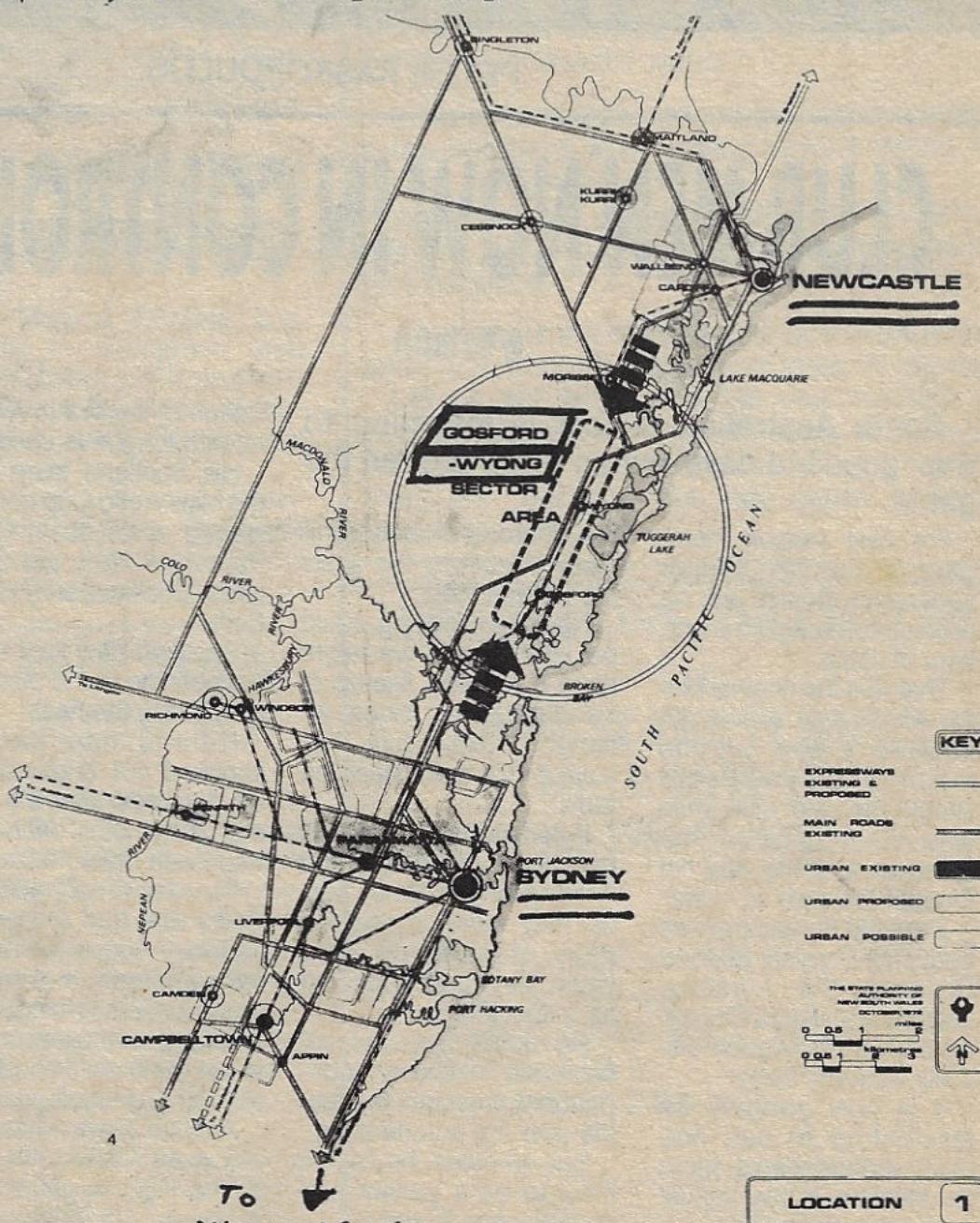
Gosford players often work in Sydney and say they do not wish to travel to Northern NSW, although not many trips per year would be involved to country towns.

Going to Newcastle for six games a year is in all reasonableness little different to going to Sydney.

Central Coast Association president Bill Northam says: "We have a big future. Already we are looking at land in the Narrara area very close to Gosford on which we could develop a stadium for the future. The clubs in the district are keen to join Sydney."

Already there are people in the background who are keen to see a Gosford club come into senior football, and who want to duplicate the successful marketing methods of the Newcastle KB United club.

Newcastle is just up the road, and who knows, if the right thing is done, a Newcastle v Gosford match could be in future years one of the highlights of the Philips League Soccer calendar.



GOSFORD-WYONG sits astride the main route and centrally between Sydney and Newcastle. Gosford has a fast-developing population. In future years the present expressway will extend to Newcastle. Beyond Sydney and Parramatta to the south there are fast expressway conditions to both Wollongong and Campbelltown. The entire sector is Australia's biggest urban complex.

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES IT'S STATE LEAGUE VERSUS PSL

By BOB BRIAN

The old controversy, State League versus Philips League, will be raised again at Olympic Park tomorrow night, when round two of the Victoria Cup gets under way at 7 P.M.

PSL Club Footscray, tackles State League Club, Juventus in Section A match which could be wide open.

Neither club exactly set their respective Leagues alight during the season, but both have some very good players capable of providing top class entertainment.

Bobby McGuinness, top scorer in the State League and winner of the Rothmans Medal, has something to prove... that he's good enough to play in the PSL.

Tonight he gets that

chance.

In fact there are several PSL players in the team. Steve Blair, South Melbourne, Peter Raskopoulos, Marconi, Paul Kay, St George, Danny Wright and Calvin Daunt, Brisbane Lions.

They are some of the most exciting prospects in Australia and not the type to give in when the game gets tough.

They will give a good account of themselves against a Preston team, good enough to be in the PSL.

In fact several PSL coaches would like Robert Cullen, George McMillan and Claude Lucchesi.

If it's experience Gutendorf wants for his Youths, he has come to the right place.

With George Gillon and Mendo Ristovski, also capable of testing the best. Juventus, will not suffer from an inferiority complex.

Footscray, had their problems last season, but they are full of skill and one of the toughest teams to beat on their day.

Joe Picioane and Zdravko Lujic have figured in Rudi Gutendorf's International plans and Lujic, in particular can be deadly.

On form the teams are pretty evenly matched, with perhaps a slight edge to Footscray.

But as ever, the big question concerning them is their lack of consistency.

This is far from the case with Preston Macedonia, the champions of the State League, who take on the National Youth team in the second game.

Rudi Gutendorf freely admits that he is using the Victoria Cup as a try-out for his prospective World Youth Cup players.

But that does not mean he won't be out to win or that his players are in any way inferior.

He will be playing against one of the best centre backs in the National League, Jim Kodarios, who is covered by the strength and experience of Jim O'Reilly and Jim Milne.

If the little Juventus, striker can break down that barrier, he will have proved his point.

Tony Herry is another Juventus player, who would probably benefit a PSL Club. He has been playing in mid-field for Juventus, but is better suited as a front runner.



MENDO RISTOVSKI

ST KILDA START IN STYLE

By Greg Blake

St Kilda Hakoah began their Victorian Cup campaign with a fine 2-1 victory over Essendon Croatia in Round 2 on Sunday.

Croatia, in quest of Cup No. 4 for 1980,

looked sluggish and disinterested and Hakoah capitalised.

St Kilda opened the scoring after 14 minutes when Kent unleashed a tremendous left foot drive through the wall following a free kick from 20 metres.

Essendon pulled a goal back seven minutes later when Adams scored a penalty after a foul by Dosen on Mitten.

Jourdanou saved Hakoah just before half time and with a desperate lunge stopped Gardiner's shot from going over the line.

But Hakoah deservedly took the lead eight minutes after half time when Webster scored a fine opportunist goal from 10 metres.

South Melbourne also struggled in their game against a reserve strength Great Gully Ajax.

Ajax fielded six newcomers, all of whom gave a good account of themselves.

Their effort in losing only 1-0 to Souths was even more creditable because the PSL team was almost at full strength.

His last hope is rest this summer, and perhaps more treatment.



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PETER RASKOPOULOS

CLUB MEN NOW IN CONTROL

By Tom McKain

South Australian Soccer is returning to the "good old days" when the clubs ran the game.

For next season members of the SA Soccer Federation Board will be allowed to be active members of clubs.

That was the original policy which was wiped out because it was felt the majority of the Board should be non club men who could look at the game as a whole, and not through the eyes of clubs.

Even the representatives from First Division, Second Division, the Amateur League and Junior Council were men not aligned officially with any clubs.

It is now going to be fascinating to see how many independents stand for election at the annual general meeting on November 19.

And also how many club men put their names forward.

Usually there are not enough willing to serve on

the Board — or only sufficient to occupy the seats are approached.

Now the lobbying could be intense and we might have a massive line-up of candidates as clubs attempt to make sure they have a man at the decision table.

If nothing else, it should be a lively campaign, and if the meetings are as fiery as they were in the old days of club rule, they could be worth attending as a spectator!

No doubt attempts will be made to find an independent president to preside over the proceedings.

But whoever he is will have to be a patient and commanding figure.

Veteran goalkeeper Tommy Preston, seeing out his playing days as second string and staff coach with Campbelltown in the State League, is claiming the



BARRY REYNOLDS

when trying to put more than normal pressure on the knee. Kicking the ball around with some of his pupils at Elizabeth High was one incident.

Now coming up to the wrong side of 30, the big fellow reckons he might have to forget a comeback.

While Ian McKie, Vic Bozanic and Peter Tymczyszyn, and earlier Ian McGregor, played well

in defence, Reynolds' train-like charges down the left or right wings in over-laps were missed.

There was nothing more pleasing to West fans than to see the giant hit full speed in a charge into opposition territory, and nothing as frightening to the men who had to try and stop him in full flight.

His last hope is rest this summer, and perhaps more treatment.

The lone goal came

AUSTRALIAN CHIT-CHAT

SOCER LEGAL AT LAST!

As early as Edward II's time (1307-27) football was banned on pain of imprisonment due to the "great noise in the city caused by hustling over large balls from which many evils may arise."

During the 18th Century it was still under much legal restriction as "a bloodie and murthering practice rather than a felowly sport or pastime".

But at last all that has changed. After 100 years since Soccer was first played in Australia, the legal profession has given the game official approval.

On Sunday 12 October, a team of barristers from the Bar Association of NSW exchanged their wigs and gowns for Soccer shirts and shorts to play a team of solicitors from the Law Society of NSW.

The game was at St. John's College Oval within the Sydney University before a small but enthusiastic crowd of supporters.

Alas, whilst the match was played in a friendly spirit, the usual professional courtesies between the teams gave way at times to the kind of contest and behaviour which one might expect only of common litigants.

However, no one was sent off; nor did any player receive a yellow card (although there seemed to be some disputation and much legal interpretation of the rules).

The game was played at a brisk pace in the first half with the solicitors coming off at half-time 2-1 in front.

The barristers were showing signs of a lack of match play and flagging condition. Besides, the solicitors' team virtually comprised the Sydney University 1974 premiership side and had a distinct average age advantage as well.

The match was refereed by a Sydney barrister and ASF coach and referee, John de Meyrick, who awarded the game to the solicitors 7 goals to 2, with costs.

The barristers are now considering grounds for appeal to the High Court.

It is hoped to make the match an annual event.

SNUB FOR SOUTH COAST PREMIERS

By "Mercury" Murphy

NSW Federation clubs who voted Illawarra premiers Fairy Meadow OUT of the 1981 Coca-Cola State League certainly don't have the interests of Soccer at heart.

It seems they want the so-called State competition to stagnate in Sydney just to protect themselves in the future.

Despite a strong plea from Karel Rodny and his Federation executive, the clubs voted Fairy Meadow out.

The Illawarra club failed by just four votes to gain the two-thirds majority needed.

The executive want to see the League regionalised so it can eventually bring in teams from the Central Coast and possibly Bathurst.

This seems a fair idea and the code could only benefit, but the Sydney clubs want it all to themselves.

Apart from Monaro, they have their own little group and apparently Wollongong aren't welcome.

This type of Soccer politics will eventually result in the same teams going around each season and the crowds getting smaller and smaller.

Did the clubs who voted

against Fairy Meadow realise the potential to draw crowds in Wollongong?

While Parramatta and Auburn may draw their regular crowd of around the 250 mark, Fairy Meadow has the potential to attract 2000 to State League games in Wollongong.

They also had the promise of substantial financial backing from the powerful Fraternity Bowling Club.

If the Sydney clubs feel Fairy Meadow aren't up to State league standard they are very wrong.

Fairy Meadow are only too happy to prove this.

"Tell them we will back ourselves in any challenge match to prove our ability," says secretary Walter Chichkan.

Fairy Meadow won the Illawarra grand final 5-1 against a strong Figtree combination, but where do they go now?

To just keep winning Illawarra premierships isn't the club's ambition — they want to go a lot further but it seems they won't get the opportunity.

"BOSKO'S" ANSWER TO "KICKABURRA"



This is referee Tony Boskovic's latest creation . . . a handsome pennant which is on sale at his sports goods shop in Burwood, Sydney.

The pennants are presented to all visiting referees as a souvenir of their trips to Australia.

"Bosko" reckons his koala linesmen with the flags are going to seriously rival "Kickaburra!"

WHO SAID SCOTS DON'T SPEND!

Arncliffe Scots may be just another team in the NSW Coca Cola Bottlers State League, but they're showing plenty of enterprise in a bid to make the big-time.

Scots want a coach for 1981 and we understand the salary is around \$60,000 for a three-years contract.

For that sort of money, Arncliffe should be able to attract a top man.

A year ago, Arncliffe surprised many State Soccer folk by going on a buying spree which gave them virtually a brand new squad.

The team-building cost the team \$25,000. It did not bring premiership success but, for a change, the Scots were not involved in any relegation headaches.

Canterbury Marrickville also built extensively for the 1980 season. The player-

recruitment helped the Berries into fourth place in the Coca Cola competition plus a narrow defeat from Melita Eagles in the preliminary final.

Arncliffe Scots and Canterbury both proved that it is essential to spend if you're going to achieve anything in State Soccer.

By the way, who is the hot tip to become Arncliffe's new coach?

The name we hear mentioned is Attilio Abonyi — although Abonyi seems well settled with Melita Eagles.

At least 17 applications have come in for the Arncliffe Scots job.

READERS' FORUM

In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters — good or bad! If you want your opinions aired, please keep letters and postcards short and to the point.

Write to The Editor, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007.

I'm sick and tired of reading in this paper week in and week out, how Heidelberg and South Melbourne are the glamor teams in the PSL.

After seeing Heidelberg play a number of times this season (a number too many!) I'm convinced their tactics are to score goals by putting the opposition (the referee and the spectators) to sleep through sheer boredom. Heidelberg are about as exciting as a hamburger with no meat.

So I'm really pleased that the P.S.L. title has gone to undoubtedly the real and rightful champions of Australian Soccer — Sydney City Slickers.

I'd also like to add that my "Player of the Year" award would have to go to the unheralded John Spanos who has been a reliable and consistently good performer all season.

So to Sydney City — congratulations and to Heidelberg — hard cheese!

W. Lever
RIVERWOOD. NSW

We are six avid readers of your paper.

Until recently we didn't follow any particular team, until we watched Olympic as often as we can.

One player interests us in particular; he is Olympic supporters' favourite. They call him "Hitler" or "German". His name G. Ankudinoff. We would like to ask you to print information about him and, for our women folk possibly a photo.

Thanking you in advance
P.S. Wishing you all the best in Soccer reporting.

P. Andraitis
Hurlstone Park.

While watching "Match of the Day," from UK, and once again seeing the "Goal of the Month" competition reminded me, while I was stationed in West Germany with the British Army, that Alun Evans, then playing for Liverpool (I think it was the 69/70 season) won the goal of the month.

The goal that Alun scored, was also selected as the "Goal of the Year" in UK. Not stopping there, it was also shown throughout Europe, and was selected as the best goal from all the European countries.

Alun was flown out to West Germany to receive his gold medal, which was presented to him by the West German Soccer Federation.

Sgt. Colin Campbell
Royal Military College
Duntroon, ACT. 2600

Sydney's Western Suburbs Soccer Club (Junior Section) at William Street, Five Dock is starting to plan for the 1981 season already.

Based on the excellent results our boys achieved this year, the Club has decided to start finding coaches and managers for 1981 now. Although we only had nine teams, there were three who became minor premiers and winners of their Grand Finals. The coaches, managers and players all worked hard in 1980 and expect that in 1981 with 12 months experience, the boys will develop even further in the Canterbury area.

If there are any people interested in coaching or managing junior boys and girls team or ladies team in 1981, could they please phone 560 4488 and ask for James Wakeling or write to the Junior Soccer Secretary, Western Suburbs Soccer Club, William Street, Five Dock, 2046.

Remember, the young people in the area need the help of adults to guide and develop them so that they can become responsible, mature citizens. If you are not doing something now about helping the juniors, why not start straight away by ringing 560 4488?

James Wakeling
Secretary
Western Suburbs Soccer Club (Junior Section)



"My
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coach —
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